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TELEGRAMS

(To the "Press.")

Minneapolis, 10th.—The first vote taken in the Convention shows—
Harrison 535
McKinley 182
Blaine 184
Read 4
Lincoln 1

Minneapolis, 11th.—Harrison has been re-elected unanimously.

Berlin, 10th.—The Cologne Gazette says that the Carls have decided that they will not help France in case of a war with Germany for Alsace-Lorraine.

The Carls have telegraphed to Emperor William his thanks for the brilliant reception given to him at Kiel.

The North German Gazette denies the conclusion of a commercial treaty between Spain and Germany, as Spain refuses to reduce the duty on German spirits and only offers to levy the minimum rate in force in Germany.

Spain, 10th.—Deputy Imbrici delivered an energetic speech in the House attacking the Government for having asked the Chambers to vote supplies for six months. Premier Giolitti rose to answer him.

London, 10th.—The effect caused by the failure of the Oriental Bank has almost disappeared. Foreign securities are steady and home railways fairly so. American stocks are flat. Money firm.

Balfour has announced that Government will abandon the Irish Land Bill.

The crops in Maine have been greatly benefited by heavy rain.

In a railway collision in Yorkshire five people have been killed and twenty injured.

A fire in a dancing academy this morning seven men were burned to death and six firemen injured.

The Oriental Bank has £700,000 invested in lands and houses in Melbourne.

The Times article says that the supposition that other banks are in a similar position is erroneous. The best Indian banks prudently suffer a loss in exchange to hold rupee paper in their branches and deposits of coin here and in Manchester.

Munich, 10th.—On Thursday there was an explosion in the coal mines near Meisbach. Sixty miners were buried in the ruins.

Vienna, 10th.—The papers say that China has sent many troops to Peking to resist a possible Russian advance on that region. Before taking energetic steps the Chinese Government will await full information as to the real intentions of Russia.

Madrid, 10th.—The workmen on strike in Barcelona got up a riot in the streets yesterday. The troops and police fired on and dispersed them. At San Martin the Civic Guards charged the mob several times.

(To the "Nation.")

Rome, 10th.—Signor Giolitti delivered an energetic speech to-day. He said that the question was whether Italy could have a regular Government or not. He said he did not want a vote of confidence. The speech caused a favourable impression in the Chambers.

Vienna, 10th.—The Danube continues to rise and many districts are already under water.

Hamburg, 10th.—The British steamer Bakum, of the Hamburg Line, arrived at Cuxhaven on fire and part of the cargo destroyed.

Paris, 10th.—The Monarchists have decided not to submit to the Pope's authority in French politics.

REVIEW FOR EUROPE.

The election for President of the Republic comes off to-day. He is believed that the result will be in favor of Dr. Louis Sazac Peña, whose accession to power may be anticipated as marking a new epoch in national regeneration. Public confidence has already begun to revive. The condition of Buenos Ayres presents a very striking contrast with what it was in June 1891.

The improvement in trade continues. The Customs-receipts up to date being 70 per cent in excess of the same period last year. This arises mainly from the greater activity in the import trade, as the exports show very little increase over those of 1891. A persistent outcry against imports is maintained in the Government-house, which clearly shows that it is proposed to augment the duties on various classes of foreign merchandise. The Prime-minister, Dr. José Zapata, urgently preaches Protection to his report to Congress, and that, as a trade treaty is a greater curse than war or pestilence.

Pres. Pellegrini, in his Message to Congress, uses these words:—
"The returns of 15 months show an excess of £7,200,000 sterling of exports over imports, and hence the Republic is so much richer."

This assertion has produced a lively controversy in our columns, as it is notorious that we have not received so far from paying off debt the President admits that the wool export has fallen of £3,000,000 Morgan bonds last year. If the President's theory of trade balance be correct we may as well burn all books on Political Economy from Adam Smith to Millard T. Webb. The trade of Buenos Ayres is threatened with an insane and relentless effort to crush imports, on the old mercantile theory "that only exports are profitable to a country." We are steadily drifting back to the fiscal policy of such illiterate statesmen as Francia and Lopez of Paraguay.

There is a tendency in Buenos Ayres to exaggerate, and it has been recently asserted on "Change" that we reach 400,000 port this season.

Half of 280 million pounds. The official returns for 1890 show 250 million pounds, and it is expected that this season (1891-92) will show an increase of 20 per cent, bringing up the total to 312 million pounds, the largest on record, say 300,000 bales. We may also

count on an increased export of wheat and maize: the returns for the last two years were—

Cacao. Tons.

Wheat. Maize.

1890 344,700 707,000

1891 317,000 707,000

This year will probably show 500,000 tons wheat and 900,000 tons maize, together representing a value of £5,200,000, after providing for all requirements of home consumption. The export of grain will, therefore, probably show an advance of £1,800,000 sterling this year over last. There is also great activity in the export of lumber, which may this year reach £500,000 in value, against £430,000 in 1891. Maize is also being exported to a still greater extent in the principal items of imported merchandise for consumption, dry goods and groceries in the first quarter of 1892 showing 40 per cent over the returns for last year.

All this shows unmistakably that the condition of the country improves day by day, and we give in another column a carefully prepared statement showing that in January 1892 the Republic will probably be in a position to resume service of its whole foreign and internal debt on a reduced scale, that is 3 per cent per annum. More than this it would be fully to pay.

The finances of the provinces do not afford such pleasing anticipations. The debt of Buenos Ayres amounts to £4,000,000 gold or £10,000,000 sterling. The other provinces will require £500,000 or £1,000,000 sterling, whereas the total estimates of revenue, by Minister Moreno, do not exceed 9,000,000 currency. The province of Entre Rios shows a debt of 16,000,000 gold, the service of which demands 3,400,000 currency, whereas the revenue is only 3,000,000. It is plain that the finances of the provinces require patience and careful nursing. At present the Legislature is doing its best to cope with a funding operation for 10,000,000 currency or £200,000 sterling, in the form of an internal loan to redeem Treasury debts.

Dr. Zubier's report on a newly discovered coalfield at the foot of the Andes confirms the prediction of the late Professor Barthelemy that coal would be found south of Mendoza in fields of great extent. The bed reported is 70 miles N. of San Juan, in 34-36 E. Lat. and 69-70 W. Long. Coal has already been found at Paganza in Rioja and Marayes in San Juan, which Mr. Stevenson reported on (from experiments at the Barracas gas-works) as being stronger and more abundant than the coal used for the coke ovens. We also know that Gen. Olaseguro found excellent coal-fields, covering as he says 500 sq. miles, in the Neuquen territory, south of Mendoza, and that the coal is of the highest quality. It is also known that the late Professor Barthelemy, who was employed in paying off private debts in Europe, and we might point to the English Bank of the River Plate as one example of the way money may be sent away to wife of outlandings.

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The fact is a circumstance that we hail with unqualified satisfaction, since it not only shows a kindly feeling on the part of the bondholders, but also a cloud of falsehood and mystification which surrounded the Moratorium commission of December 1891, that our happy capital has still 18 months to run, and it is little interest to us in Buenos Ayres whether the Rothschild Committee will have liquidated the Barings estate in December 1893 or not, or whether, Lord Rothschild distinctly said in December 1891 that the commission had not so much as to the reorganization of Argentine credit as the satisfactory settlement of Barings'.

Consequently we have to look at the probable position in Dec. 1893 without regard to the fact of England and other guarantors, and solely in relation to the convenience of Argentina coming to the assistance of the Barings bondholders. For some time the London press have been advocating the proposal that the Santa Fe should be sold in Buenos Ayres to study and report on the situation. Such a measure would be only an unnecessary. We can tell the world a few words how we stand. The annual sum this year will probably reach 10 millions in currency or \$5,000,000, and next year perhaps £2,000,000 sterling.

And the foreign debt, as shown by Pres. Pellegrini, was £35,000,000 last March, and if the Santa Fe is sold, the £5,000,000 added it will amount to about £40,000,000 in Dec. 1893. And the railway, which was sold for the current year are at £1,100,000, and for next year £1,300,000, but if the railways be completely sold, the total amount payable by Government will not exceed £200,000, or £200,000. The internal debt (after deducting bonds not in circulation) amounts to £25,000,000 of gold or £25,000,000 sterling.

By reducing the total service of debt to 3 per cent, and the Government, the annual burden would be as follows:—

Foreign debt.....	1,500,000
Internal.....	200,000
Railways.....	300,000
Total.....	2,500,000

6th.—This would absorb 40 per cent of the expected revenue of the Republic (27,000,000), leaving some 22 or 23 million dollars for the public administration, and we believe would be possible to carry on the Government for.

7th.—We cannot too earnestly commend these figures to the attention of all persons here or abroad interested in Argentine finance. The Government has been ordered by the Legislature to accept the Barings' offer, and the Barings' offer is a good one, and it is a pity that the Government has not accepted it. The Barings' offer is a good one, and it is a pity that the Government has not accepted it.

Another Buenos Ayres Loan. Advice from La Plata informs that the Provincial Legislature of Buenos Ayres is bent on another loan. The amount is a trifle only 10 millions, and it is a pity that the Government has not accepted it. The Barings' offer is a good one, and it is a pity that the Government has not accepted it.

A few days ago, when Governor Costa was opening the Chambers, His Excellency spoke of the Barings' offer, and the Barings' offer is a good one, and it is a pity that the Government has not accepted it. The Barings' offer is a good one, and it is a pity that the Government has not accepted it.

Revenue..... 6,000,000
Expenditure..... 17,000,000
Deficit..... 11,000,000
The estimates of expenditure for 1892 are as follows:—
Government..... 6,500,000
Legislature..... 870,000
Judicial..... 1,100,000
Banks, telegraphs..... 4,070,000
Total..... 12,540,000

This is the expenditure for the current year, and it is a pity that the Government has not accepted it. The Barings' offer is a good one, and it is a pity that the Government has not accepted it. The Barings' offer is a good one, and it is a pity that the Government has not accepted it.

Under these circumstances the sooner the Government and the Legislature of the Province put their heads together, the better the finances the better. Otherwise there will be trouble before long.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

In the Prime Minister's report there are two inaccuracies which we noted yesterday, putting remarks in parenthesis, to prevent the readers abroad from being led astray. His Excellency says:—
"Our wheat crop last season was worth 300 millions currency (£17,000,000) and the Santa Fe colonies have 7,200,000 acres under wheat, which is equivalent to 283 millions currency for all the crops, or \$1 million for wheat alone, instead of 300 millions."

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